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**ERHARD CHARGED WITH ANTILEFT LEANINGS**

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(Summary) Cologne--The DGB paper WEIT DER ARBEIT on Apr. 30 charged Vice Chancellor Erhard with antileftist leanings, an impression which has become even stronger during the last few days. The question must be posed whether Erhard, should he succeed Adenauer, would act against the trade unions.

Erhard made an objectionable statement when he urged the workers to prolong their work week by one hour, pretending that this surplus work, which would boost the national product by three percent annually, would make rearmament financing possible without inflation. Erhard's threat that the unions will be held responsible for the adverse financial effects of rearmament lurks behind every sentence of the Vice Chancellor's statements.

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